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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified newly filed patent application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims 13-24:

13. (New) A nozzle for supplying/relieving pressurized gas in gas assisted injection moulding of plastics material, the nozzle comprising:

a body member adapted to be mounted in a mould having a mould cavity, a portion of the body member or an extension thereof extending into an opening in the mould which at least communicates with the mould cavity;

a sleeve member mounted for sliding movement in a bore in the extending portion of the body member between an extended position in which one end of the sleeve projects beyond the extending portion of the body member into the mould cavity, and a retracted position;